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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79958

Shinji YAMAMORI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/779,852

Group Art Unit: 2878

Confirmation No.: 9460

Examiner: Karen E. Toth

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: CARBON DIOXIDE SENSOR AND AIRWAY ADAPTER INCORPORATED IN THE
SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before May 18, 2006.

In the Action, the Examiner has required election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

Species I: directed to claims 1-5, 9-12, and 17; or
Species II: directed to claims 6-8, 13-16, and 18-19.

Applicant hereby elects Species I, (Figures directed to Claims 1-5, 9-12 and 17), without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

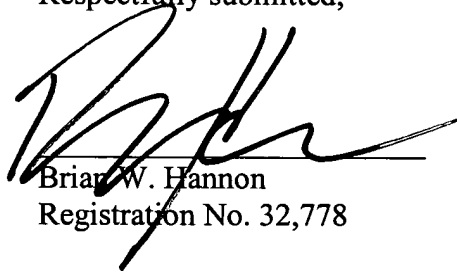
In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Response to Election of Species Requirement
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If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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